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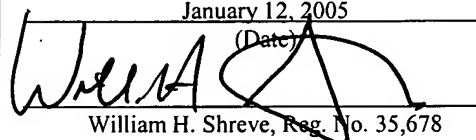
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AND METHOD FOR  
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Group Art Unit : 2144  
Class/Sub-Class : 701-021000  
Examiner : Gertrude Arthur-Jeanglaude

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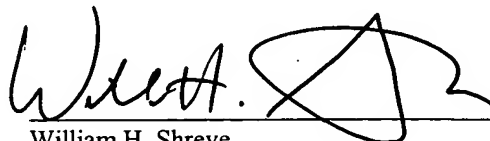
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the Issue Fee for the above-identified application:

- (X) Form PTOL-85.
- (X) Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- (X) A check in the amount of \$1,700 to cover the issue fee, publication fee, and advanced order of copies is enclosed.
- (X) Eleven sheets of drawings.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on October 13, 2004.

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner recites independent Claim 1 in providing reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that not all the claims include the limitations identified by the Examiner. For example, independent Claims 16, 17, 18, 27 and dependent Claims 2-15 and 19-26 each recites different combinations of features and elements than those referenced by the Examiner, and each claim is patentable. To the extent that the Examiner's recitation of the allowable subject matter deviates from the language of the allowed claims, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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